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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), each of the documents cited has been made of record in copending Application Serial No. 09/314,278 upon which is based a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, copies of the cited documents are not required to be submitted herewith.

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To assist the Examiner, the fifty-three (53) references being cited for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned with the first official action.

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